

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAN 5/22/22:

BIG IDEA: God's Message Goes Everywhere

SCRIPTURE: Paul Shares the Gospel: Acts 16:9-15

ACTIVITY | Pass the Parcel

- Have you ever gotten a package delivered to you?
- Let's play a package delivery game!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have the children line up, front to back. Give the first person in line a medium-sized mailing package or another box marked as though it will be mailed. The goal is to pass the parcel down the line, alternating between passing over the head and between the legs. The goal is to do this as fast as possible! Time the kids and play a few rounds (as interest allows) to see if they can improve their time!*

BIBLE STORY | Paul Shares the Gospel

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Teach the story from Acts 16:9–15.*
- **Who remembers who Paul is?**
 - Paul used to be someone who would chase down people who talked about Jesus and sent them to jail. But one day, he became a follower of God, too! From then on, he started telling everyone about Jesus.
- **One day, God told Paul in a dream to go to a place called Macedonia.**
 - **Let's say that together: Ma-ce-do-ni-a.**
- Once he got there, he did what he normally did. He told people about Jesus.
 - **Tell someone next to you, "Jesus loves you!"**
- A woman named Lydia heard the good news about Jesus from Paul. She decided to follow Jesus, too!
- Paul didn't know it yet, but God sent him all the way to Macedonia so that Lydia could hear his message.
- Wanna know something cool about Lydia?
 - She made and sold purple cloth! Can you imagine how many people she could tell people about Jesus because she did business with all kinds of people?

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- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Prepare four boxes. On one side, write one word per box: "North," "South," "East," and "West" in large letters. On the other side, write one word per box: "God's," "message," "goes," and "everywhere." Position the boxes so that kids can only see the side with the direction words. Have Special Messenger (SM) enter with no packages today.*

- **Storyteller:** I'm waiting for our Special Messenger, but not for a delivery. Today, I have packages that I want to deliver to different places. (Read the labels on each of the boxes and indicate which direction they will go.)
- **SM:** (Enters) Hello, hello! I hear you have some special deliveries you need me to take!
- **Storyteller:** Hello, Special Messenger! Yes, I have these packages that need to go to different places.
- **SM:** Let me take care of those for you. (Lifts each package one at a time and turns around to take each, revealing the words on the back.)
- **Storyteller:** Hey, look! There's the Big Idea for today! **God's message goes everywhere.** Let's all say it together. **God's message goes everywhere!**

ACTIVITY | Love for Lydia

- Paul went to many places to deliver God's message about Jesus.
- In today's story, we read about Lydia. **Do you remember what her job was?** She sold purple cloth. We are going to use this purple cloth to help us remember today's Big Idea.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have kids glue two popsicle sticks on opposite ends of a piece of cardstock paper. Then using hot glue or tape, connect the sticks with a length of yarn. Then clip on four [mini clothespins](#) on the yarn. Precut small strips of purple fabric or paper and write "God's message" and "goes everywhere." on separate pieces with a permanent marker. Kids can hang up the purple fabric on their clothesline.*
- **When Paul told Lydia about Jesus, what happened?** She believed and decided to follow Jesus.
- **God's message goes everywhere!**